

Nevada State Library, Archives & Public Records

presents the

2015 Library Leadership Institute



Thursday, September 17, 2015

8:00 am-5:00 pm

Friday, September 18, 2015

8:00 am-1:00 pm

Sahara West Library Multipurpose Room

9600 W Sahara, Las Vegas, NV 89117

Welcome attendees!

Nevada State Library, Archives and Public Records presents the Library Institute, ***Become a Catalyst for Change***, to provide key skills in leadership and community engagement to all Nevada's libraries and library staff. The institute provides foundational skills to assist library staff in making our libraries relevant and invaluable.

The keynote for Thursday, September 17, 2015, will be Rivkah Sass, Director of Sacramento Public Library and 2006 Library Journal Librarian of the Year. Our Friday, September 18, 2015, keynote will be Felton Thomas, Director of Cleveland Public Library and President-elect of the Public Library Association. Other speakers include local librarians: Amy Dodson, Director of Douglas County Library; Arnie Maurins, Director of Washoe County Library System; Sena Loyd, Director of Carson City Library; Kim Clanton-Green, Branch Manager of Sahara West Library; and Stephen Platt, Branch Manager of Green Valley Library.

Institute dates:	Thursday, September 17, 2015	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
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Attendees are expected to be present both days.

Lunch will be provided on Thursday. Breakfast both days and dinner Thursday night will be the responsibility of the attendee.

We would like to acknowledge Las Vegas-Clark County Library District, specifically the Programming and Venues Department for use of facility, staffing, and generous support in providing rental needs. We would also like to acknowledge the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District Foundation for their generous support of the event in providing food and refreshments.

It is also expected that each attendee make a commitment to continue the conversation at each of the following phases, which will discuss the successes and failures of skills learned:

3-Month Follow-up Webinar	Mid-December, 2015
9-Month Follow-up Webinar	Mid-June, 2016
2016 NLA Conference Session	October, 2016

Learning Objectives

1. Participants will be able to identify their leadership strengths and opportunities.
2. Participants will be able to identify strategies to address their leadership opportunities
3. Participants will be able to identify community opportunities.
4. Participants will understand the challenges and opportunities associated with being change agents.

Agenda

Thursday, September 17, 2015

- 8:00 - 8:30 am Welcome and Introductions
- 8:30 - 12:00 pm Rivkah Sass – Keynote
- 12:00 - 1:00 pm Lunch – Thanks to the LV-CCLD Library Foundation
- 1:00 - 1:45 pm Amy Dodson, Director, Douglas County Library
- 1:45 - 2:45 pm Makin' It Real
Kimberly Clanton-Green, Branch Manager, Sahara West Library
Sena Loyd, Director, Carson City Library
Arnie Maurins, Director, Washoe County Library System
Stephen Platt, Branch Manager, Green Valley Library
- 2:45 - 3:00 pm Break
- 3:00 - 3:20 pm Visual Representation
Jan Anderson, Baker & Taylor (Public Library focused), using
Connect to present data in a visually appealing manner.
- 3:20 - 4:30 pm Locals Conversation
Rivkah Sass, moderator
Kimberly Clanton-Green, Amy Dodson, Sena Loyd, Arnie
Maurins, and Stephen Platt, speakers
- 4:30 - 5:00 pm Take-Away / Post – its

Friday, September 18, 2015

- 8:00 - 8:15 am Welcome back
- 8:15 - 11:15 am Felton Thomas – Keynote
- 11:15 - 11:30 am Break
- 11:30 - 1:00 pm Locals Conversation
Rivkah Sass and Felton Thomas, moderators
Kimberly Clanton-Green, Amy Dodson, Sena Loyd, and Stephen
Platt

Keynote

Rivkah Sass



For the past six years Rivkah Sass has been the Executive Director of the Sacramento Public Library Authority.

A native Californian and committed library adventurer, Rivkah received her M.L.S. from the University of Washington and spent more than 30 years moving around the country, only to wind up 60 miles from where she grew up. Prior to returning to California, Rivkah worked in public and state library agencies in Washington, Oregon, Maryland, and Nebraska as well as spending three years learning that the private sector is not all it's cracked up to be.

Rivkah was named Librarian of the Year by the Library Journal in 2006, and has milked the honor for all it's worth. She has been active with the Urban Libraries Council as well as the American Library Association, currently serving as ALA

Councilor on behalf of the Public Library Association.

Rivkah believes that the critical path to success for the 21st century library lies in developing and nurturing strong relationships with partners and community members, creating opportunities for staff at all levels to lead, innovate and step into new frontiers of service. Having fun in the process is absolutely essential.

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Keynote

Felton Thomas, Jr.

Felton Thomas, Jr. has served as Executive Director of Cleveland Public Library (CPL) since January, 2009. Since beginning his tenure at CPL, Director Thomas has furthered the mission of CPL to be “The People’s University”, including launching initiatives aimed at addressing community needs in the areas of access to technology, education, and economic development.

Felton’s vision for the Library is that of a strong leader in defining a more prosperous future for Cleveland by battling the digital divide, illiteracy, unemployment, and other community deficits with innovative programming and action at all 27 CPL branches. He has also launched a “Downtown Destination” campaign to reposition the Main Library for the 21st century and market its status as a major downtown attraction. In 2012, Main Library opened TechCentral, an innovative, one-of-a-kind technology center offering the community access to cutting edge technology, including 3D printers. CPL has maintained its “Star” status and been named a “Top Innovator” by the Urban Libraries Council for its use of technology and data to inform decision making.

Prior to accepting the position of Director of CPL, Felton served as Director of Regional Branch Services for the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District in Las Vegas, Nevada and President of the Nevada Library Association.

Felton’s awards and accomplishments include being named a “Mover and Shaker” by the *Library Journal*, and acting as a fellow in the Urban Library Council’s Executive Leadership Institute. Nationally, in 2015, Felton was elected as President-Elect for the Board of Directors of the Public Library Association (PLA), and will serve as President beginning in 2016. Felton is also a member of the Aspen Institute Task Force on Learning and the Internet, a forum to determine the best way to increase digital learning and innovation without compromising safety. Felton is an active member of the Greater Cleveland community, serving as Board President of the United Black Fund of Greater Cleveland, and as trustee on the boards of Sisters of Charity Foundation, University Circle Inc., Cleveland Foodbank, United Way of Greater Cleveland, and Providence House. In addition, Felton is a 2010 graduate of Leadership Cleveland.

Felton earned his undergraduate degree in psychology from The University of Nevada-Las Vegas and his Masters in Library Science from The University of Hawaii, and is currently pursuing his PhD in Managerial Leadership Management at Simmons College.

Felton lives in Shaker Heights with his wife and two daughters, is an accomplished musician, and has become a devoted Cleveland sports fan since his arrival on the shores of Lake Erie.



Notes

Nevada Presenters



Kim Clanton-Green

Kim Clanton-Green has worked in libraries all her life---she started as a page in her Jr High library and has worked in various positions in Circulation, Adult Services, and Children's Services, among others. Kim has worked in academic and school libraries, but the vast majority of her work has been with LVCCLD. She is currently Branch Manager at LVCCLD's Sahara West branch.

Amy Dodson

Amy Dodson has been the Director of the Douglas County Public Libraries since December 2014. Before moving to Nevada, she was the Director of the Pine River Library in Bayfield, CO, which was named the Best Small Library in America in 2014 by *Library Journal* and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Amy also worked for the Riverside County Library System in southern California and the Nashville (TN) Public Library. She has twenty years of experience serving diverse communities of all sizes. Amy is a native of the Bluegrass State, specifically the Louisville area, and earned her Master of Library Science degree at the University of Kentucky. She is also known for being a "loud mouth librarian".



Sena Loyd



Director Sena Loyd is passionate about libraries and has worked with them across California and Nevada. Her undergraduate degree from University of Nevada, Reno was in Anthropology and Archaeology. After digs in the Black Rock Desert and Hawaii she soon learned that things didn't happen like Indiana Jones promised her. While exploring libraries all over the US to achieve her undergrad she soon discovered that a Masters in Library Information Sciences was for her, which she achieved in 2009. After becoming director of Carson City Library in 2014 she is excited to bring new technology and manufacturing opportunities to our rapidly growing and developing community where she can show us what the Library of the future will be. Indian Jones would be proud.

Arnold Maurins



Arnold “Arnie” Maurins grew up in Santa Clara, Calif., and graduated from the University of Santa Clara with a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics. He started working in libraries in 1979 and earned a Master's degree in Library Science from San Jose State University in 1982. From 1983 to 1995 he worked as a librarian in San Bruno and San Leandro, Calif. In 1995 Arnie was hired as the Systems Librarian for the Washoe County Library. In that position he administered the Dynix automated system and managed the library's computer services. He was promoted to Associate Director for Operations and Support in 2004, with responsibility for budget planning and oversight, strategic planning and facilities management. Arnie belongs to several professional library associations, and in 2006 he was named “Librarian of the Year” by the Nevada Library Association.

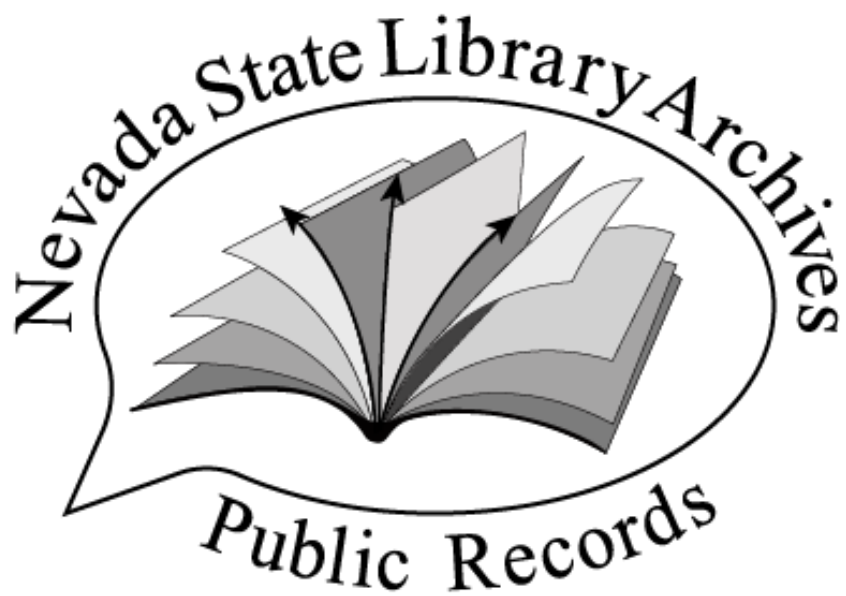
Stephen Platt

Stephen Platt is the manager of the Henderson Libraries Green Valley Branch. Throughout the past several years, he has coordinated and managed several LSTA community grant initiatives for the Henderson Libraries including the latest, *Generation STEAM*, a STEM project that kick-started district wide STEAM programming for children and adults. *Generation STEAM* utilized outside partnerships to assist with program planning and provide experience instructors for a roster of multi-generational programs that took place during 2015. Today, the Henderson Libraries continues to utilize the *Generation STEAM* framework for District wide STEAM programming. Stephen Platt received his MLS in 1999 from Indiana University and has worked in both Indiana and Nevada Libraries.



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